

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Projects

2000 - 2001

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only Federal program solely devoted to supporting library services in libraries of all types. Congress and the President authorize its existence and allocate funds annually for its operation. Within the two broad goals of technological improvements and services to people of diverse cultures and situations, local libraries can identify and support the highest priorities for each community.

The Act is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (<http://www.ims.gov/>) in Washington D.C. The Institute makes awards to libraries for the development of library services and to individual Indian tribes and their libraries for special purposes.

This list identifies LSTA grant awards in California for FY 2000/01. It is arranged by Congressional District because Federal funds support these grants. If you are unsure of which District your library is in, use this Web site <http://www.house.gov/> to enter a Zip code and identify the corresponding District. You may also want to share information about your project with the people who made it possible. Contact information for U.S. Senators is available at:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Congressional District 1

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 1 during 2000/01 included:

Napa City-County Library: Yo Puedo Leer

\$67,000

The purpose of this literacy project was to teach reading in Spanish as part of the library's adult literacy program for the Hispanic population of the county (18%). This is a departure from the English-as-a-Second-Language conventional approach. The goal was to increase proficiency in the native language (Spanish) to make learning English easier.

The **Public Library Automation Program** assisted small public libraries in purchasing library automation systems, both assuring user-friendly access and speed plus a mechanism compatible with other automated systems statewide for interlibrary loan. Grants of \$50,000 each were awarded to Lake County Library and Humboldt County Library.

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library operations and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library services through the **Native American Library Services** program included:

- Round Valley Reservation in Covelo (\$4,000)
- Robinson Rancheria in Nice (\$4,000)
- Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians in Redwood Valley (\$4,000)
- Guidiville Rancheria in Talmage (\$4,000)
- Pinoleville Indian Reservation in Ukiah (\$4,000)
- Sherwood Valley Rancheria in Willits (\$4,000)
- Blue Lake Rancheria (\$4,000)
- Elk Valley Rancheria in Crescent City (\$4,000)
- Yurok Tribe in Klamath (\$4,000)
- Bear River Band of Rhonerville Rancheria in Loleta (\$4,000)
- Table Bluff Rancheria – Wiyot Tribe in Loleta (\$4,000)
- Big Lagoon Rancheria in Trinidad (\$4,000)
- Trinidad Rancheria (\$4,000)

The Round Valley Reservation, Pinoleville Indian Reservation, Elk Valley Rancheria, Yurok Tribe, Table Bluff Rancheria – Wiyot Tribe, and Trinidad Rancheria each received an additional \$2,000 for professional consulting services.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Solano County Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Del Norte County Library
- Ferndale Library (Humboldt County Library)

Garberville Library (Humboldt County Library)
Willow Creek-Klamath-Trinity Library (Humboldt County Library)
Redbud Library (Lake County Library)
Rio Vista Library (Solano County Library)
Cloverdale Regional Library (Sonoma County Library)
Healdsburg Regional Library (Sonoma County Library)

**Table Bluff Rancheria – Wiyot Tribe (Loleta):
Enhancement of Library Services**

\$133,213

This two-year project documented and preserved tribal language, cultural and historical resources; developed a living language/oral history Web site; provided technical assistance and workshops to library users; and increased library hours.

The Solano County Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. The lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

The **Windows on the World** program supported live, interactive videoconferences in Vintage High School, Napa. The content was provided by the Museum of TV and Radio, the San Diego Zoo, the Ocean Institute, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Each of the 30 videoconferences was augmented by information posted on the Windows on the World Web site, linking to more in-depth information.

Yurok Tribe (Klamath): Enhancement of Library Services

\$82,712

This project provided electronic access to tribal archival information through a Web site. It also supported training activities for archival staff.

Congressional District 2

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 2 during 2000/01 included:

The **Public Library Automation Program** assisted small public libraries in purchasing library automation systems, both assuring user-friendly access and speed plus a mechanism compatible with other automated systems statewide for interlibrary loan. Grants of \$50,000 each were awarded to Siskiyou County Library and Yuba County Library.

Through **Partnerships for Change**, public libraries analyzed and restructured their library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of their communities, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions. Libraries participating in this project included:

- Grass Valley Branch (Nevada County Library)
- Madelyn Helling Central Library (Nevada County Library)
- Truckee Branch (Nevada County Library)
- Yuba County Library

Hoopa Valley Trive (Hoopa): Enhancement of Library Services

\$78,906

This project helped re-establish a community library that now provides a collection of print and non-print materials, Internet access, basic reference services and literacy activities.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Adin Station Library (Modoc County Library)
- Central Library (Modoc County Library)
- Grass Valley Library (Nevada County Library)
- Madelyn Helling Branch Library (Nevada County Library)
- Shasta County Library
- Susanville Public Library

The **Windows on the World** program supported live, interactive videoconferences in Nevada County Library. The content was provided by the Museum of TV and Radio, the San Diego Zoo, the Ocean Institute, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Each of the 30 videoconferences was augmented by information posted on the Windows on the World Web site, linking to more in-depth information.

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library operations and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library service through the **Native American Library Services** program included:

- Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation (\$4,000)
- Mechoopda Maidu Indian Tribe of the Chico Rancheria (\$4,000)
- Enterprise Rancheria in Oroville (\$4,000)
- Tyme Maidu Tribe - Berry Creek Reservation in Oroville (\$4,000)
- Redding Rancheria (\$4,000)
- Karuk Tribe of California in Happy Camp (\$4,000)
- Cedarville Rancheria of Northern Pauite Indians in Alturas (\$4,000)
- Susanville Rancheria (4,000)

The Mechoopda Maidu Indian Tribe, the Tyme Maidu Tribe, and the Redding Rancheria each received an additional \$2,000 for professional consulting services.

Congressional District 3

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 3 during 2000/01 included:

North State Cooperative Library System: Regional Young Adult Services **\$65,175**

This project extended an initiative to organize and promote young adult services in northern California by a coordinator who performed needs surveys, conducted training for individual libraries, assisted with collection development and programming, and facilitated networking with allied youth agencies. The 2001 program implemented service improvements in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Training workshops and materials were provided, including videos and a teen Web site.

The **24/7 Reference Project** developed the capability for online reference service to library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours and next was tested during limited after-hours at the University of California, Davis.

The **Public Library Automation Program** assisted small public libraries in purchasing library automation systems, both assuring user-friendly access and speed plus a mechanism compatible with other automated systems statewide for interlibrary loan. Grants of \$50,000 each were awarded to Tehama County Library and Colusa County Library.

Through the **Partnerships for Change** program, public libraries analyzed and restructured their library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of their communities, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions. Libraries participating in this project included the Sutter County Library’s Main Library.

The **Youth Services Materials** program provided funds to public libraries to purchase books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Gridley Branch Library (Butte County Library)
- Orland Free Public Library
- Vacaville Public Library (Solano County Library)
- Tehama County Library
- A.F. Turner Branch Library (Yolo County Library)
- Davis Branch Library (Yolo County Library)

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the Sacramento Public Library and the California State Library.

**North State Cooperative Library System:
Connecting to the Library of California**

\$108,819

The project provided support to bring all public libraries in North State to capability for automation, and thereby ensure readiness of libraries to participate in Library of California-based networking. The priority effort was retrospective conversion that would pave the way for eventual local system upgrade to Z39.50 compliance, local network cabling, and local connectivity to Internet. Five libraries worked on conversions, including Colusa County Free Library, Humboldt County Library, Orland Public Library, Susanville District Library, and Trinity County Library.

Congressional District 4

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 4 during 2000/01 included:

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library operations and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library services through the **Native American Library Services** program included the Bridgeport Indian Colony (\$4,000) and the Shingle Springs Rancheria (\$4,000).

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Folsom Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Auburn Library (Auburn-Placer County Library)
- Tahoe City Branch Library (Auburn-Placer County Library)
- Cameron Park Branch Library (El Dorado County Library)
- Central Library (El Dorado County Library)
- Folsom Public Library
- Benton Library (Mono County Library)
- June Lake Library (Mono County Library)
- Roseville Public Library

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the California State Library and the Sacramento Public Library.

Congressional District 5

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 5 during 2000/01 included:

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Sacramento County Law Library and Sacramento Public Library.

Through the **Access News Program**, daily newspaper information was made available through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the California State Library (Sacramento) and the Sacramento Public Library.

Congressional District 6

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 6 during 2000/01 included:

Marin County Free Library: Radio Works!

\$69,539

This project supported literacy services to a difficult to reach, isolated population by developing radio programming to increase English language competency, family reading, library usage, and community participation. A key component was 15-minute radio "novella" programs that appealed to the rural, Spanish-speaking client group.

Under the **Access News Program**, daily newspaper information was made available through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the San Francisco Public Library.

Through the **Youth Services Materials** program, funds were awarded to public libraries to purchase books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

Mill Valley Public Library

Rohnert Park-Cotati Regional Library (Sonoma County Library)

Sebastopol Regional Library (Sonoma County Library)

The **Public Library Automation Program** assisted small public libraries in purchasing library automation systems, both assuring user-friendly access and speed plus a mechanism compatible with other automated systems statewide for interlibrary loan. A grant of \$50,000 was awarded to the Larkspur Public Library.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included:

- Marin County Free Library
- Mill Valley Public Library
- San Rafael Public Library
- Sonoma County Library

Congressional District 7

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 7 during 2000/01 included:

The **InFoPeople** program undergirded and stimulated use of the Internet and the World Wide Web by thousands of Californians through 530 public libraries by training library staff and local users in identifying and using reliable electronic information resources. The number of all-day workshops was 240 that year, with "Law on the 'Net: A Workshop for Non-Law Librarians" as a key topic.

Contra Costa County Library and Solano County Library received Gates Foundation grants for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds for those two libraries were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians under the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** initiative.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included the Solano County Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, funds were awarded to public libraries to purchase books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Solano County Library.

Congressional District 8

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 8 during 2000/01 included:

San Francisco Public Library:

Preservation of San Francisco Voter Handbooks

\$44,500

The library digitized from scanned microfilm a collection of voter information pamphlets dating from 1907. An index database was created and a Web site now provides public access to images and text.

The **Youth Services Materials** program provided funds to public libraries to purchase books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Chinatown Library and the North Beach Library of the San Francisco Public Library.

San Francisco Public Library: School Services Corps

\$135,469

A collaborative plan and outreach training program assisted students, teachers, and school librarians to use the public library for curriculum support and homework assignments, involving 17 schools in the city. The emphasis was on low-achieving middle school students.

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the San Francisco Public Library.

Under the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included the San Francisco Public Library.

Congressional District 9

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 9 during 2000/01 included:

Alameda Public Library: Bienvenidos a la biblioteca!

\$24,696

The project provided outreach to the Spanish-speaking community in Alameda City by hiring a Spanish-speaking library employee to promote the library and orient new patrons; organize programming and recruit volunteers; translate flyers, prepare signage, create publications to increase bilingual publicity, and advise on collection development; purchase Spanish materials; and facilitate community involvement.

**Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley:
"New Religious Movements" Research Collection**

\$21,600

The library organized, cataloged and improved access through guides and finding aids for an archive of materials on California-based alternative religion and quasi-religious movements. The records are now available on the library's own online catalog and Web site, OCLC, and the Online Archive of California (OAC).

Oakland Public Library: African Americans in California

\$93,500

The library celebrated the creation of the new African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO). The project included an exhibit on the achievements of African Americans in the

California Gold Rush, a commemorative edition of the AAMLO journal, a school curriculum guide, and a symposium on immigration of non-African American blacks to California.

University of California, Berkeley: Access to Hollywood History **\$45,839**

The library indexed and digitized selective materials in a previously unidentifiable archive of 4,000 materials about the film industry, including exhibitor manuals and press books and clippings, that augmented the library's existing related holdings on the subject. A Web site now makes these resources available nationwide.

Oakland Public Library and Museum: California Studies Conference **\$19,500**

Open-to-the-public conferences examining and exposing major current issues are relevant to and inform not only public policy makers but also the general citizenry regarding challenges facing them. This project assisted the Oakland Museum, its libraries, and the Oakland Public Library to host the 13th annual California Studies Conference on the theme of "Outgrowing California?" The wide-ranging agenda comprised the population surge, urban expansion, multicultural trends in literature and the arts, teaching and education about the New California, resources for teachers, visual arts and images of the state, governmental complexity, cultural infrastructure, land use, "smart growth," environmental impacts, and regional transformations within the state.

University of California, Berkeley:
Shared Cataloging of Moving Image Materials **\$41,166**

This project supported the cataloging of 850 films and videos produced in California, and the online catalog records are now available nationwide.

University of California, Berkeley:
1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire Digital Archive **\$182,451**

The library created a digital thematic collection documenting the 1906 earthquake and fire and drawing upon the University's Bancroft Library, the California Historical Society, and other key historical resources. The online image base is now accessible via standard finding aids.

Through **Partnerships for Change**, support was provided to public libraries in their efforts to analyze and restructure their library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of their communities, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions. Libraries participating in this project included:

- North Branch Library (Berkeley Public Library)
- Golden Gate Branch Library (Oakland Public Library)
- Martin Luther King Branch Library (Oakland Public Library)
- Temescal Branch Library (Oakland Public Library)

University of California, Office of the President: California Counts**\$151,369**

The University established an online archive with a Web interface for ease of search and use of digital social science data (numeric and supplementary materials), using standardized preservation and consolidation of data in a multiplicity of present formats from federal, state and local government sources. The variety of subject matter (population data, housing, health, crime, etc.) will be useful to many user constituencies and is now widely accessible.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project developed the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service was then tested during limited after-hours to additional libraries which included UC, Berkeley.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Alameda Free Library, Berkeley Public Library, and Oakland Public Library.

Congressional District 10

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 10 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included San Francisco Public Library.

The **Youth Services Materials** provided funds to public libraries to purchase books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Livermore Public Library.

The Contra Costa County Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Congressional District 11

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 11 during 2000/01 included:

University of the Pacific: Preservation of Brubeck Audiotape Collection **\$76,560**

The University library cataloged, preserved and performed audio transfer, digital mastering, and production of CDs for 400 audiotapes of rare and unreleased music plus interviews donated as part of Brubeck's bequest. The CDs are now available for listeners.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Cesar Chavez Central Library and the Tracy Library of the Stockton-San Joaquin County Library.

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Fresno County Library.

Congressional District 12

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 12 during 2000/01 included:

City College of San Francisco: Cataloging-Digitizing Menu Collection **\$56,500**

The library preserved and provided access to a digitized collection of images of menus in the college's hotel and restaurant departmental special library. Over 900 menus were cataloged for the library's online catalog (Web access is planned) and scanned for inclusion in a linked image database.

Peninsula Library System (San Mateo): California Millennium Conference **\$207,268**

The planning for the California Millennium Conference was completed in November with the all-day convocation held on November 11, 2001 at the California Library Association Conference. This is now a seminal continuing education/professional development event; and a conference video was produced.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included San Mateo County Library and South San Francisco Public Library.

South San Francisco Public Library: Bits of History**\$78,326**

Combining resources from three partnering institutions in the San Francisco peninsula area (two public libraries and a county museum), this cooperative project captured and made electronically accessible 2,000 historical photos from their respective collections. The materials represent a significant selection of the visual history of San Mateo County which now can be viewed on the Internet locally and globally. The online archive benefits local business and real estate developers, city employees doing zoning research, students, and genealogists working on family history, and historians as well as the general public.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Grand Avenue Library and the Main Library of the South San Francisco Public Library.

Congressional District 13

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 13 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the San Francisco Public Library.

Under the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included the Alameda County Library.

The **Youth Services Materials** provided funds to public libraries to purchase books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Newark Library (Alameda County Library) and Manor Branch Library (San Leandro Public Library).

Congressional District 14

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 14 during 2000/01 included:

St. Patrick's Seminary (Menlo Park): Library Retrospective Conversion**\$95,800**

LSTA funds supported the complete cataloging and retrospective conversion of the library's records, a project begun internally in 1998 with foundation funding. Some 30,000 records were so converted.

Stanford University: Digital Delivery of ILL Monographs **\$74,627**

This pilot project tested the electronic (digitized) transmission of eligible materials of print information from Stanford library collections to requestors, and examined the utility of this process for the dual purpose of building a digital collection.

Sunnyvale Public Library: Sunnyvale Voices **\$29,000**

The project experimented successfully with new technology to capture audio/visual life stories of individual Sunnyvale residents, historical photos, oral histories, and brief multimedia vignettes contributed by the public to a videotape database of personal citizen narratives. The result was a heightened “community memory.” The product is publicly accessible on the library’s computer, on the World Wide Web, and through copies of the tapes available for loan from the library.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Mountain View Public Library and Redwood City Public Library.

Stanford University: Institute on 21st Century Librarianship **\$562,976**

Stanford University, working in partnership with the California State Library, planned and developed a residential convocation on the application of information technology to the practice of library and information services in the coming era. It was held in the summer of 2001 for 132 participants.

Stanford University: Library Education Needs Assessment **\$130,350**

Stanford University Libraries researched core competencies, developing a process to collect professional input and conducting a needs assessment for library education and continuing education programs.

Sunnyvale Public Library: Certified Library Users **\$62,290**

The library devised a training program of core and elective courses for children and adults in library use and Internet searching. The goal was to prepare knowledgeable and self-sufficient library patrons with skills in information seeking and evaluation of information quality and accuracy, and to enhance lifelong learning.

Congressional District 15

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 15 during 2000/01 included:

San Jose Public Library: Fee-Based Delivery Feasibility Study **\$110,000**

This project tested a home delivery program for users of the two library kiosks in the city to close the loop from discovery of information to its receipt at distant points not readily served by a library outlet. The project scope included testing from a branch library as well as from a kiosk, to compare results and so develop a workable model that could be scaled up. Various delivery options were investigated including mail, courier, and express services.

Santa Clara County Library: Healthy Reading, Healthy Families **\$93,555**

The library established a health library satellite in an area medical center through partnership with a community health library and a county medical center. The project prepared and distributed 53 easy-to-read health information items in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese to poor and minority populations, while promoting reading activities to minimize barriers to health information for persons with less formal education.

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included San Francisco Public Library.

San Jose Public Library: Kiosk Awareness Campaign **\$27,500**

In 1999/2000 the library used an LSTA grant to design and acquire a specially adapted electronic kiosk, similar in some respects to an ATM machine, with advanced features crafted to meet the needs of the San Jose community's diverse population. The installation offers access to the library electronic catalog, online databases, and the Internet. It enables users to request library materials remotely and receive them at the nearest branch library. The unit's Internet "browser" has audible response capability to assist the sight impaired and provides Spanish language displays. This 2000/01 project provided publicity about the kiosk services.

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The **Youth Services Materials** provided funds to public libraries to purchase books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Los Gatos Public Library.

Congressional District 16

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 16 during 2000/01 included:

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Congressional District 17

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 17 during 2000/01 included:

Monterey Public Library: Access to Local History Resources **\$24,050**

Monterey Public Library cataloged the library of a partner (Monterey History and Art Association) containing local history resources and integrated them into the public library's online catalog, which can also be accessed through a Web-based regional catalog. An ongoing agreement was prepared for continuing maintenance.

**San Juan Bautista Public Library:
Crossing Roads of History in San Benito County**

\$70,235

The public library created a coalition with the California State University – Monterey Bay, San Juan Bautista Historical Society, Gavilan College and several schools to form a library linked-system network emphasizing local history materials. These materials were gathered, digitized, and placed on a server and a Web site for widespread resource-sharing.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Castroville Branch (Monterey County Free Library)
- Pacific Grove Public Library
- San Benito County Library
- Watsonville Public Library – Main Library

Santa Cruz City-County Library: Accessing Law Materials

\$22,100

This project supported the retrospective conversion of the county law library's 1,600 titles (about 20,000 items) in its catalog and integrated them into the Santa Cruz City-County Library's online catalog, so linking to a regional computerized catalog for mutual shared access.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included:

- Monterey Public Library
- Pacific Grove Public Library
- Santa Cruz City-County Library
- Watsonville Public Library

The Salinas Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians under the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** program.

Congressional District 18

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The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Stanislaus County Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Atwater Branch Library (Merced County Library)
- Central Library (Merced County Library)
- Dos Palos Branch Library (Merced County Library)
- George South Branch Library (Merced County Library)
- Gustine Branch Library (Merced County Library)
- Livingston Branch Library (Merced County Library)

Congressional District 19

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 19 during 2000/01 included:

Through the **Partnerships for Change** program, public libraries analyzed and restructured their library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of their communities, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions. Libraries participating in this project included the Cedar-Clinton Branch Library (Fresno County Public Library).

The Madera County Library and the Mariposa County Library participated in the **Young Adult Services Institute**, a project designed to fill in the gap in young adult services capability by creating appropriate services, stimulating the use of library services, and developing customized service plans for each public library. Other components of the project included: 1) develop a space assessment and utilization program to recommend building modifications and renovations to best serve teenage patrons; 2) define teenage programming and collection needs; 3) design customer service training and materials selection criteria tailored to teenage patrons; and 4) develop collaborative models for partnering with community agencies, schools, and other teen-related organizations.

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library operations and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library service through the **Native American Library Services** program included the Table Mountain Rancheria in Friant (\$4,000) and the North Fork Rancheria (\$4,000). The Table Mountain Rancheria also received an additional \$2,000 for professional consulting services.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Mariposa County Library.

Congressional District 20

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 20 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Fresno County Public Library.

The Coalinga Unified School District Library, Fresno County Public Library, and Kings County Library participated in the **Young Adult Services Institute**. This project was designed to fill in the gap in young adult services capability by creating appropriate services, stimulating the use of library, and developing customized service plans for each public library. Other components of the project included: 1) develop a space assessment and utilization program to recommend building modifications and renovations to best serve teenage patrons; 2) define teenage programming and collection needs; 3) design customer service training and materials selection criteria tailored to teenage patrons; and 4) develop collaborative models for partnering with community agencies, schools, and other teen-related organizations.

The Fresno County Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians under the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** program.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Kerman Neighborhood Library (Fresno County Public Library)
- Corcoran Library (Kings County Library)
- Kettleman City Library (Kings County Library)
- Lemoore Library (Kings County Library)

Congressional District 21

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 21 during 2000/01 included:

Kern County Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Fresno County Public Library.

Kern County Library, Porterville Public Library, Tulare County Library, and Tulare City Library participated in the **Young Adult Services Institute**. This project was designed to fill in the gap in young adult services capability by creating appropriate services, stimulating the use of library, and training people to prepare customized plans for the public library. Other components of the project included: 1) develop a space assessment and utilization program to recommend building modifications and renovations to best serve teenage patrons; 2) define teenage programming and collection needs; 3) design customer service training and materials selection criteria tailored to teenage patrons; and 4) develop collaborative models for partnering with community agencies, schools, and other teen-related organizations.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Eleanor N. Wilson Branch Library (Kern County Library) and Porterville Public Library.

Congressional District 22

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 22 during 2000/01 included:

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara: Central Coast Museum Consortium

\$28,795

A three-member consortium of libraries in a botanic garden, a historical society, and a natural history museum converted their library catalogs into a union database on a gateway server searchable via Internet. The project included a Web site for bibliographies, lists of oral histories, descriptive guides, and Native American information reflecting regional scientific, cultural and natural history.

First Source Plus

Los Angeles Public Library provided access to over 200 online databases, commercial and uniquely-created by the library, to provide back-up information services. Six rural libraries participated in the experimental program, including Atascadero Public Library (San Luis Obispo City-County Library).

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Lompoc Public Library, Atascadero Library (San Luis Obispo City-County Library), and South County Library (San Luis Obispo City-County Library).

Windows on the World supported live, interactive videoconferences in the Paso Robles Public Library. The content was provided by the Museum of TV and Radio, the San Diego Zoo, the Ocean Institute, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Each of the 30 videoconferences was augmented by information posted on the Windows on the World Web site, linking to more in-depth information.

University of California, Santa Barbara: Jazz Recordings Cataloging

\$18,255

The library cataloged 2,150 recordings of early jazz music, including both general historical recordings of interest to California history and culture and a Bix Beiderbecke collection. The catalog records are now available on online catalogs nationwide.

Congressional District 23

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 23 during 2000/01 included:

University of California, Los Angeles: California Center for the Book

\$299,754

The Center created five main programs to promote reading, literacy and interdisciplinary study of print and electronic information culture. Eleven satellite partner libraries were established.

The Ventura County Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** program.

First Source Plus

The Los Angeles Public Library provided six rural libraries with online access to over 200 electronic databases, specialized indexes, and Internet, to supplement the materials available in rural areas to answer reference questions. Those libraries included the Ojai Library (Ventura County Library).

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project established the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service was next tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, including the UCLA Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Colonia Center Library (Oxnard Public Library)
- South Oxnard Central Branch Library (Oxnard Public Library)
- Blanchard Community Library (Santa Paula District)
- Moorpark Library (Ventura County Library)

Windows on the World supported live, interactive videoconferences in the Ventura County Library. The content was provided by the Museum of TV and Radio, the San Diego Zoo, the Ocean Institute, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Each of the 30 videoconferences was augmented by information posted on the Windows on the World Web site, linking to more in-depth information.

Congressional District 24

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 24 during 2000/01 included:

Thousand Oaks Public Library: Radio Days Revisited \$48,500

The library organized, preserved, indexed, and created finding aids for a large personal archival collection of famous crooner, radio and movie star Rudy Vallee. The project also transferred sound recordings to preservation formats.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service was next tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, including Thousand Oaks Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Thousand Oaks Public Library.

Congressional District 25

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 25 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the Los Angeles Public Library.

California State University, Northridge: San Fernando Valley History Digital Library \$153,298

The library organized and preserved San Fernando Valley local history by digitizing materials from the University Library’s and campus collections, together with those of partner agencies, including local historical societies. The goal was to convert 2,400 photos, documents, and maps and mount the resultant items as a searchable database on the library’s Web site.

The Los Angeles Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Congressional District 26

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 26 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Los Angeles Public Library: First Source Plus

\$366,012

Los Angeles Public Library provided all public libraries through their regional reference centers statewide with online access to over 200 electronic databases, specialized indexes, and Internet, to supplement the materials available to answer reference questions.

University of California, Los Angeles: California Center for the Book

\$299,754

The Center developed five main programs to promote reading, literacy and interdisciplinary study of print and electronic information culture. Eleven satellite partner libraries were established.

Although the Los Angeles Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Southern California Library for Social Studies:

Accessing Southern California Social History Sources

\$108,385

The library processed and prepared standard finding aids for entry into the Online Archive of California for 35 archives of labor movement, civil rights, civil liberties, and related materials pertaining to 20th century southern California political and social history as well as documentation on social movements.

Under the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included the County of Los Angeles Public Library.

Congressional District 27

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 27 during 2000/01 included:

South Pasadena Public Library: Local History Collection Digitization **\$42,620**

The library preserved, expanded, and enabled access to its extensive collection of local historical material. It also enlarged it through a collecting campaign that solicited donations from residents, such as original photos, correspondence and other relevant materials.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

- Altadena Library District
- Burbank Public Library
- Grandview Branch Library (Glendale Public Library)
- Montrose Branch Library (Glendale Public Library)
- Pasadena Public Library
- San Marino Public Library
- South Pasadena Public Library

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries including Altadena Public Library, Glendale Public Library, and San Marino Public Library.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Glendale Public Library, Pasadena Public Library, and San Marino Public Library.

California Institute of Technology: Research and Demonstration **\$461,011**

The goal of this project is to develop pattern-recognition tools over a two-year period to recognize cursive handwriting using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology. If successful, the results will enhance digitization of handwritten genealogical records, diaries, and other historical resources.

Congressional District 28

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 28 during 2000/01 included:

Washington Elementary School (Covina): Libraries and Literacy

\$18,986

A cooperative project between schools and the Glendora Public Library served at-risk students during summer and after-school programs by hiring volunteer coordinators at two elementary school library media centers who recruited volunteers, such as college students performing community service. Activities include reading assistance, summer reading, and tutoring in computer and Internet use.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Glendora Public Library.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries including Covina Public Library.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Glendora Public Library.

Congressional District 29

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 29 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information available through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, which included Beverly Hills Public Library and Santa Monica Public Library.

Through the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Santa Monica Public Library.

Congressional District 30

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 30 during 2000/01 included:

Los Angeles Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians under the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** program.

Los Angeles Public Library: First Source Plus

\$366,012

The Los Angeles Public Library provided all public libraries through their regional reference centers statewide with online access to over 200 electronic databases, specialized indexes, and Internet, to supplement the materials available to libraries to answer reference questions.

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the Braille Institute of America (Los Angeles) and Los Angeles Public Library.

Through the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Los Angeles Public Library.

Congressional District 31

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 31 during 2000/01 included:

Monterey Park Public Library: Days of Lore

\$18,320

The library presented two public programs of dramatic readings intended to combat the misperceived, traditional image of the Japanese American woman as meek, shy, hardworking and never complaining. One reading coincided with a citywide Cherry Blossom Festival in April 2001. The events featured poetry authored by Japanese American women writers with background music as well as reader/performers, scholars, and panel discussions.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, which included Alhambra Public Library, Azusa Public Library, and Bruggemeyer Memorial Library (Monterey Park).

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Bruggemeyer Memorial Library (Monterey Park).

Congressional District 32

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 32 during 2000/01 included:

Simon Wiesenthal Center, Inc., Los Angeles:

Tools for Tolerance to Enhance Library Services

\$222,259

This library presented an Institute-style program of professional development embodied in 10 two-part workshops (two days) for 240 librarians from the greater Los Angeles area, dealing with intergroup relations, diversity, and prejudice, and defined what librarians could do to mediate and influence racial attitudes of the public. These activities influenced subsequent library collection development and selection, access and retrieval, and programming.

University of Southern California: Access to History:

Cataloging Holocaust Testimonies

\$200,000

The library cataloged 160 testimonies from a collection of 3,700 previously-uncataloged video interviews of Holocaust survivors and witnesses, the largest such archive in the world. The material is owned by the Shoah Foundation in Los Angeles, which performed the specialized cataloging. It also established a network mechanism to deliver the digitized content between the two institutions and eventually to schools, libraries, and others via Internet.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service was next tested during limited after-hours to additional libraries, which included the Museum of Tolerance Library.

Congressional District 33

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 33 during 2000/01 included:

South State Cooperative Library System:

Dealing with Workplace Violence in Libraries

\$26,719

Training was provided to library staff in Los Angeles County on prevention and handling of violence in the library and the community as it may affect the library. Five one-day sessions were held and a video was duplicated for dissemination to other libraries.

Windows on the World supported live, interactive videoconferences at the Latona Elementary School, Los Angeles. The content was provided by the Museum of TV and Radio, the San Diego Zoo, the Ocean Institute, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Each of the 30 videoconferences was augmented by information posted on the Windows on the World Web site, linking to more in-depth information.

Los Angeles Public Library: First Source Plus

\$366,012

The Los Angeles Public Library supported all public libraries through their reference centers statewide with online access to over 200 electronic databases, specialized indexes, and Internet, to supplement the materials available to answer reference questions from local users.

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the Braille Institute of America (Los Angeles) and Los Angeles Public Library.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, which included Los Angeles Public Library.

Through the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Los Angeles Public Library.

Although the Los Angeles Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians under the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Congressional District 34

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 34 during 2000/01 included:

Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk: Audio Therapy Library Collection **\$6,600**

The library replaced 2,350 aging phonograph records, audiocassettes, and players with audio CDs and CD players in the patients' library of the state mental hospital, for demonstration use in the hospital's music therapy programs.

South State Cooperative Library System: Dealing with Workplace Violence in Libraries **\$26,719**

Training was provided to library staff in Los Angeles County on the prevention and handling of violence in the library and the community as it may affect the library. Five one-day sessions were held and a video was duplicated for dissemination to other libraries.

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Congressional District 35

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 35 during 2000/01 included:

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Inglewood Public Library.

Southern California Library for Social Studies: Accessing Southern California Social History Sources **\$108,385**

The library processed and prepared standard finding aids for entry into the Online Archive of California for 35 archives of labor movement, civil rights, civil liberties, and related materials pertaining to 20th century southern California political and social history as well as documentation on social movements.

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Congressional District 36

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 36 during 2000/01 included:

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service was next tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, including Torrance Public Library.

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Under the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Torrance Public Library.

Congressional District 37

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 37 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** provided daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Mark Twain Branch Library (Long Beach Public Library).

The Los Angeles Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Congressional District 38

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 38 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the Los Angeles Public Library.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, which included the Downey Public Library and the County of Los Angeles Public Library.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included the County of Los Angeles Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Downey City Library.

Congressional District 39

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 39 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Buena Park Library District and Brea Branch Library (Orange County Public Library).

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive “chat” method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, which included the Buena Park Public Library and Fullerton Public Library.

Placentia Library District was supported in its efforts to analyze and restructure library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of the community, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions through the **Partnerships for Change** program.

Through the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Fullerton Public Library.

Congressional District 40

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 40 during 2000/01 included:

Yucca Valley Branch Library (San Bernardino County Library) was supported in its efforts to analyze and restructure library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of the community, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions, under the **Partnerships for Change** program.

Los Angeles Public Library: First Source Plus

The Los Angeles Public Library provided six rural libraries with online access to over 200 electronic databases, specialized indexes, and Internet, to supplement the materials available locally to answer reference questions. Those libraries included Bishop Branch Public Library (Inyo County Free Library) and Victorville Branch Library (San Bernardino County Library).

San Bernardino Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians under the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library operations and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library service through the **Native American Library Services** program included the Big Pine Reservation (\$4,000) and the Fort Independence Reservation in Independence (\$4,000). The Fort Independence Reservation also received an additional \$2,000 for professional consulting services.

Congressional District 41

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 41 during 2000/01 included:

Los Angeles Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of

this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians, under the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Under the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Yorba Linda Public Library.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive "chat" method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service was next tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, including California Polytechnical University - Pomona (CSU-Pomona) library.

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Congressional District 42

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 42 during 2000/01 included:

San Bernardino Public Library: Health Education and Literacy Program **\$40,000**

This literacy program addressed the challenge of low literacy (economically disadvantaged) adults thought to face greater risk of health problems. It created an eight-week health-related curriculum with materials simplified below the average 10th grade reading level of most consumer health literature.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included San Bernardino County Library.

Rancho Cucamonga Public Library: Project REACH **\$66,500**

After-school and weekend outreach programming was provided by the public library in conjunction with the schools and parks department for the at-risk student population (ages 7–14). The program involved recreation, education, arts, culture and humanities elements delivered by a bookmobile and a "recreation-mobile" staffed to provide books, magazines, and computers. Park and library events were arranged to appeal to non-reading youngsters.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included:

San Bernardino County Library
Dorothy Inghram Branch Library (San Bernardino Public Library)
Howard M. Rowe Branch Library (San Bernardino Public Library)
Norman F. Feldheym Library (San Bernardino Public Library)

The San Bernardino Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Congressional District 43

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 43 during 2000/01 included:

Riverside Public Library: Riverside Local History Resource Center

\$114,472

The Riverside Public Library and the Riverside Municipal Museum completed a three-year project to identify and consolidate the non-artifact history collections of the two institutions in order to improve their stewardship and security and to increase their accessibility to the public. The new "Riverside Local History Resource Center" focuses particularly on public awareness and access, involving finding aids, a Web site, and joint exhibits and public events.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Highgrove Branch Library (Riverside County Library System).

The Riverside County Library System received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Los Angeles Public Library: First Source Plus

The Los Angeles Public Library provided six rural libraries with online access to over 200 electronic databases, specialized indexes, and Internet, to supplement the materials available locally to answer reference questions. Those libraries included the Perris Branch Library (Riverside County Library System).

Congressional District 44

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 44 during 2000/01 included:

The Desert Hot Springs Library and the Max McCandless Library of the Riverside County Library System were supported in their efforts to analyze and restructure their library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of their communities, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions, under the **Partnerships for Change** program.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Beaumont Library District and Rancho Mirage Public Library.

Riverside County Library System: "A Place of Their Own"

\$63,587

The Perris Branch Library established a youth information and technology center in the library community room, which provided Internet access and support for a variety of after-school youth activities such as homework assistance. A Youth Advisory Council helped develop the services and policies for the Tech-Teen Information Center, and the program is now maintained with local funds.

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library operations and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library service through the **Native American Library Services** program included the Morongo Band of Mission Indians in Banning (\$4,000), the Agua Caliente Tribal Council in Palm Springs (\$4,000), and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians in Thermal (\$4,000).

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Beaumont Library District.

Congressional District 45

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 45 during 2000/01 included:

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Stanton Branch Library (Orange County Public Library).

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Newport Beach Public Library: TeenRead

\$48,704

The library expanded a pilot project to promote reading and library use to the target teenage group through cooperation with schools. One high school had been the pilot; a second high school and a middle school were added during 2000/01.

Tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science through the **Public Library Staff Education** program. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Orange County Law Library and Orange County Public Library.

Congressional District 46

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 46 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included Los Angeles Public Library.

Metropolitan Cooperative Library System: 24/7 Reference Project

This project created the capability for online collaboration between library staff and library users over the Internet. The tool used was online call center software adapted to library functions on the Web, using the interactive "chat" method. The service began by enabling interactive access during normal open hours. The service next was tested during limited after-hours for additional libraries, including Anaheim Public Library and Orange County Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Main Library and the Newhope Branch Library of the Santa Ana Public Library.

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included:

- Anaheim Public Library
- Orange County Law Library
- Orange County Public Library
- Santa Ana Public Library

Congressional District 47

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- Mission Viejo Public Library
- Newport Beach Public Library
- Orange Public Library

The **Public Library Staff Education Program** provided tuition reimbursement for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master’s degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Mission Viejo Public Library, Newport Beach Public Library, and Orange Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the El Toro Branch Library (Orange County Public Library).

Congressional District 48

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 48 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the San Diego County Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included Orange County Public Library and San Diego County Library.

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library programs and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library service through the **Native American Library Services** program included:

Pala Band of Mission Indians (\$4,000)

Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians in Santa Ysabel (\$4,000)

Rincon Band of Mission Indians in Valley Center (\$4,000)

Cuyapaipe Reservation in Valley Center (\$16,000)

The Pala Band of Mission Indians also received an additional \$2,000 for professional consulting services.

Through the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included Orange County Law Library and Orange County Public Library.

Congressional District 49

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 49 during 2000/01 included:

San Diego Public Library: Business Resources and Technology Link

\$155,365

This project supported a small business outreach program at the Central Library in partnership with other agencies. It included outreach, additional resources, and the presentation of over 25 workshops to train entrepreneurs in online databases, Internet search and Internet for business, e-commerce, Web site design, privacy, and patent search.

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included the San Diego County Library.

The Central Library of the San Diego Public Library was supported in its efforts to analyze and restructure library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of the community, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions, through the **Partnerships for Change** program.

Through the **Public Library Staff Education Program**, tuition reimbursement was provided for California public and county law library staff to upgrade their skills by pursuing a paraprofessional library degree/certificate or a Master's degree in library science. Staff in local libraries benefiting from this program included San Diego County Library and San Diego Public Library.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Linda Vista Branch Library (San Diego Public Library).

The San Diego Public Library received a Gates Foundation grant for Internet access. However, the lack of suitable training labs and lack of lab capacity were major constraints upon maximum use of this program. LSTA funds were used to augment the number of computer stations from ten to twenty, for training purposes for citizens and librarians through the **Gates Training Labs Upgrade** project.

Congressional District 50

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 50 during 2000/01 included:

National City Public Library: Face to Face Information Place

\$68,170

This videoconferencing project went beyond what the library has done in its successful community computer center with PCs for basic information searches by patrons. It supported higher level information searching by connecting a patron with a reference librarian at the reference desk in the same building so that direct assistance could be provided through two-way videoconferencing. The project also connected the same system in the main library with school libraries so that reference staff could interact with school library staff and created a room-size videoconferencing facility for interactive access and training.

The Otay Mesa Branch Library (San Diego Public Library) was supported in its efforts to analyze and restructure library services and policies to respond to the changing ethnic and cultural diversity of the community, working in partnership with other local agencies and institutions, through the **Partnerships for Change** program.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the National City Public Library.

Congressional District 51

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 51 during 2000/01 included:

The **Access News Program** supplied daily newspaper information through touch-tone telephone services for people who are blind or visually disabled. Libraries providing this service regionally included San Diego County Library.

Windows on the World supported live, interactive videoconferences in the Meadowbrooke Middle School, Poway and the Mesa Verde Middle School, Poway. The content was provided by the Museum of TV and Radio, the San Diego Zoo, the Ocean Institute, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Each of the 30 videoconferences was augmented by information posted on the Windows on the World Web site, linking to more in-depth information.

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Poway Library (San Diego County Library) and the Mira Mesa Branch Library (San Diego Public Library).

Congressional District 52

LSTA projects serving people in Congressional District 52 during 2000/01 included:

Los Angeles Public Library: First Source Plus

The Los Angeles Public Library provided six rural libraries with online access to over 200 electronic databases, specialized indexes, and Internet, to supplement the materials available locally to answer reference questions. Those libraries included the Camarena Public Library (Calexico).

Windows on the World supported live, interactive videoconferences in the Borrego Springs School. The content was provided by the Museum of TV and Radio, the San Diego Zoo, the Ocean Institute, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Each of the 30 videoconferences was augmented by information posted on the Windows on the World Web site, linking to more in-depth information.

Indian tribes in California used LSTA funds to support core library programs and ensure a minimum level of public library service. Tribes providing basic library service through the **Native American Library Services** program included the Manzanita General Council in Boulevard (\$4,000), the Campo Board of Mission Indians (\$4,000), and the Barona General Business in Lakeside (\$4,000).

Under the **Youth Services Materials** program, public libraries purchased books and related resources for children and teens. Public libraries building their collections under this project included the Brawley Public Library.

Statewide Grant Projects

LSTA projects serving people statewide during 2000/01 included:

County Law Library Statutory Revision

\$53,000

Each California county has a county law library, mandated by State statute since 1891, which provides free access to legal resources for all people interested in the law. These libraries are dependent upon civil filing fees for their revenue, which is unpredictable at best. This study addressed the deteriorating funding and condition of the county law libraries statewide, including public needs and possible solutions.

Families Utilizing Libraries for Improving Literacy & Learning **\$60,500**

In this second year of a longitudinal evaluation of the State-funded library literacy programs, outcomes and impacts were identified and initial interviews were conducted with 204 people. Insights began to emerge on how the literacy programs affect the lives of both learners and reading tutors in positive ways, and what life changes ensued from their participation in the programs.

InfoPeople: Libraries Mastering Information Technologies **\$1,466,826**

InfoPeople was a major statewide program to stimulate electronic delivery of Internet and World Wide Web access to the users of California public libraries and to other types of libraries that lack the resources to open this digital door to their users. The need for targeted, effective, practical training and continuing education in technology for California library staff (and, through transfer training, to the millions of Californians using Internet in the libraries of the State) was addressed by a comprehensive training program of 232 hands-on workshops, Web-based distance education, videoconferencing, and Webcasting covering forty-five topics. Over 7,000 California librarians participated in the 2000/01 training activities.

Library Awareness Pilot Project (Fresno) **\$329,269**

As one of the most diverse states in the nation, California has a correspondingly diverse group of underserved library users and a large number of individuals having difficulty using a library. Those unfamiliar with the concept of an American public library, or who have low literacy, need to know what the public library can offer them. A broad, multilingual library awareness campaign for users and non-users was piloted in San Diego in 1999/2000 to identify issues and strategies for a statewide campaign. During this 2000/01 project year, the strategies were tested in Fresno because of its highly diverse multicultural, multilingual population and its status as a major media market. Both print and broadcast media were employed with what was evaluated as a high impact result.

Library Facility Planning Workshops **\$239,690**

Training in library facility planning was provided for 698 public library administrators, planning staff, and other key participants to prepare them to take the fullest advantage of a new State bond act for public library construction and renovation. The sixteen full-day workshops ranged from basic training to advanced facility planning topics, including joint-use facilities for schools and public libraries.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) State Plan Revision **\$22,000**

An initial Five-Year Plan for California's use of LSTA was issued in July 1997 and, at this mid-point of the Plan's life, work on a new Plan was launched to expedite and focus data collection on needs, achievements, and desirable changes. During the 2000/01 fiscal year, an environmental scan was conducted to characterize current and emerging societal themes.

Library Services Through the Internet **\$158,400**

A Web site was developed to make government information available to libraries and library users statewide, focusing particularly on library-related programs and studies relevant to governmental policy makers.

Libris Design **\$531,300**

Developed over the last four years, Libris Design is a software program that allows users to plan and, using a database of features and cost elements, configure library building and construction projects. It was beta-tested in two sites in 1999/2000 and the 2000/01 project implemented changes and enhancements; active field-testing of the first production model began in October 2000.

Literacy Initiatives **\$569,800**

In support of literacy programs in over 100 public libraries statewide, this project focused on standardizing reporting and accountability procedures and the development of a guidebook for working with people with learning disabilities in a library literacy context.

Local Support for Local Programs **\$33,000**

Library literacy programs in California lack adequate on-site technical support for new program development. In an experimental approach to providing the necessary consultant services, the Corona Public Library released its literacy coordinator for half-time assistance to 22 libraries that were initiating literacy programs addressing the needs of limited English-speaking children and their parents. The expertise was made available through on-site visits, telephone calls, and e-mail as well as the formation of an information exchange medium for the participants.

Networking Support **\$147,758**

As the Library of California Act, California's multitype library resource-sharing statute, began implementation, it was necessary to define the distinctive regional/statewide roles in service provision so that the to-be-funded State programs would complement one another. Task forces, planning studies, and pilot statewide projects moved toward that goal.

Parenting Skills Information **\$76,340**

A 12-course curriculum that combined child-raising with teaching reading skills (i.e., adult literacy) used children's books to help families understand the toddler years. The new approach was fieldtested in twenty-six public libraries, for highly enthusiastic families.

Partnerships for Change Workshops **\$420,200**

Six workshops on restructuring public library services to meet the needs of California's changing communities were attended by 242 people. Training aids, including a manual on private-public partnerships, were also prepared for widespread distribution.

Public Library Directors' Forum **\$220,000**

Out of 179 public library jurisdictions statewide, the directors of 141 of them participated in this three-day forum on public policy, government, library issues including recruitment, and sociopolitical trends affecting libraries.

Public Library Staff Education Program – Support **\$2,200**

A selection committee comprised of library directors and staff reviewed the applications for tuition support toward a professional librarian/paraprofessional degree and selected 73 of them for awards, which awards appear under the LSTA funds expended within individual Congressional Districts. This small grant supported the work of the committee and the preparation of grant-related promotional materials.

Read to Children **\$28,764**

This project supported the printing and distribution of 100,000 copies of the "Read to Children" brochure, a National Governors Association publication created in support of the national/state initiative to promote reading aloud to children. The brochures were mailed to public libraries, which then distributed them to local community agencies and organizations. A Spanish translation is planned for a future year.

Rural Initiative **\$368,108**

Residents of less populated areas of California share the same needs for library and information services as metropolitan and suburban jurisdictions but are underserved because of economic conditions and a general lack of government services. There are at least 400 public libraries serving rural communities in the State. During the 2000/01 fiscal year, the Rural Initiative continued the progress made in previous years (strategic planning; volunteerism; Library Board training) and new directions were set in formulating a library practitioner program, including videoconferences that allowed training to be conducted in remote sites.

Shades of California: The Book **\$87,648**

Building on the concept of a privately-funded program sponsored by Los Angeles Public Library, 1998/99 LSTA funds supported a similar process to document social and cultural history by organizing "Photo Days" at 22 public libraries. The result was a collection of 6,000 personal and family photos and artifacts from community members to be duplicated and accessioned by the respective libraries, where they provide a remarkable glimpse of life in California over the past 100 years. This 2000/01 project selected and organized 400 photos in emotionally and

intellectually appealing categories for publication; subjects' families were interviewed to acquire accurate captions. Approximately 7,500 copies of the book were published, and sales ran 2,000 in the first month alone after publication.

Sustainable Online Archive of California

\$25,300

Multiple libraries are undertaking digitization projects, including the creation of bibliographic metadata and scanned images drawn from local history collections. In this planning project, the Online Archive of California demonstrated in theory how it could expand from its University of California host to become a central statewide electronic repository for local online files that could be preserved, backed up, and maintained for the long term. As an immediate first step, the project also created a clearinghouse of expertise on the creation of digital finding aids and digital content that meets prescribed national quality standards.

Young Adult Focus Groups

\$103,417

Young adults constitute a population group that is inadequately served by public libraries in California and elsewhere for a number of reasons. Under this project, a series of 29 focus groups of teenagers was held throughout the state to assess their library and information services needs as well as to identify the barriers that cause them difficulty in using libraries. The teens recruited were grouped by age, ethnicity, and gender. Future LSTA initiatives will fieldtest new service approaches and demonstrate new ways to help teen users that may become locally or State supported service programs.

Young Adult Services Training

\$49,500

A series of four training workshops for public library staff introduced the DeWitt Wallace-Readers Digest fund initiative entitled "Public Libraries in Youth Development." This national effort assists public libraries to implement activities and programs that support the educational and career development of young people during non-school hours.

Youth Services Issues Forum

\$49,500

A discussion forum on the issues related to and the possible solutions of the recruitment of children and youth services staff in public libraries was held; the three other sessions were postponed due to the September 11, 2001 national tragedy.

Videoconference Author Visits

\$99,000

Twelve multi-point, interactive "live" videoconferences featuring noted author presentations and audience discussion were presented in public and school libraries statewide. Each program included an on-site audience and three-to-five remote participant sites, with special interest generated in rural or low income areas where geography and travel limitations do not normally make on-site public programs possible.

Windows on the World**\$103,229**

This project was established to create cooperative public programming between libraries and museums, with an emphasis on bringing distant museum resources to rural libraries and their communities in a dynamic way. Interactive “live” videoconferencing was the medium, and five California museums including the prestigious Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the San Diego Zoo provided the content. “Windows on the World” staged 37 events reaching 41 audiences, and a Web site was constructed to provide supplemental information. The audiences were most enthusiastic; for example, rave reviews followed a live program in Plumas County Library featuring an expert curator available online from the Ocean Institute, who answered questions from children who had never seen the ocean.

